

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 4E, 4F, and 4G, 6C, 6F, and a new Fig. 6F-1. In Fig. 4E, Applicant has corrected a reference number 466 to 467. In Fig. 4F, Applicant has added a reference number 404. In Fig. 4G, Applicant has corrected a duplicative reference number 464 to 462, and added additional reference numbers 416, 434, and 474. In Fig. 6C, Applicant has added a reference number 633. Applicant has added Fig. 6F-1 in response to an objection by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 33 were pending with claim 2 being withdrawn when last examined. Applicant has canceled claim 1 and amended claims 2 to 6, 9, 14 to 18, and 30.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) because Figs. 6A to 6J do not show the second plurality of stationary comb teeth and the plurality of rotational comb teeth are interdigitated out-of-plane. Applicant has added Fig. 6F-1, which is a cutaway view of device 600. Fig. 6F-1 illustrates rotational comb teeth 634 and stationary comb teeth 616 being interdigitated in-plane, and rotational comb teeth 634 and stationary comb teeth 674 being interdigitated out-of-plane. Fig. 6F-1 introduces no new matter but merely illustrates what one in skilled in the art would deduce from Figs. 6A to 6F.

In Fig. 4E, Applicant has corrected a reference number 466 to 467. In Fig. 4F, Applicant has added a reference number 404. In Fig. 4G, Applicant has corrected a duplicative reference number 464 to 462, and added additional reference numbers 416, 434, and 474. Again, this is done to show the rotational and stationary comb teeth are interdigitated in-plane and out-of-plane. In Fig. 6C, Applicant has added a reference number 633.

Changes to the drawings are supported by the original figures and specification. No new matter has been added.

§ 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 9 to 12, 14, 16, and 18 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0155556 ("Onoda et al."). To expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has canceled claim 1 and amended claims 6, 9 to 12, 14, 16, and 18 to depend from claim 2, which has been amended to be in condition for allowance as explained later. Thus, claims 6, 9 to 12, 14, 16, and 18 are now patentable over Onoda et al.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has cited transmission holes 21 of Onoda et al. as the recited "trenches" in original claim 1 and the recited "holes" in claim 14. Logically, the Examiner cannot cite the same element for two distinct elements. Applicant further notes that the Examiner has given a broad interpretation to the recited "trenches" to cover transmission holes 21 of Onoda et al.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 4 to 8, 13, 15, 17, and 19 to 33 would be allowable if amended to independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 2 to independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1. Thus, claim 2 is now in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claims 4 to 8, 13, 15, and 17 to depend from claim 2. Thus, claims 4 to 8, 13, 15, and 17 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes that claim 19 is an independent claim. Thus, the Examiner probably intended to allow claims 19 to 33. Accordingly, Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 19 to 33.

Withdrawn claim

Applicant previously withdrew claim 3 from consideration. Applicant has amended claim 3 to depend from claim 2. As the Examiner has indicated that claim 2 is patentable, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to reenter amended claim 3.

In summary, claims 1 to 33 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Applicant has amended canceled claim 1 and amended claims 2 to 6, 9, and 14 to 18. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and allow claims 2 to 33. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

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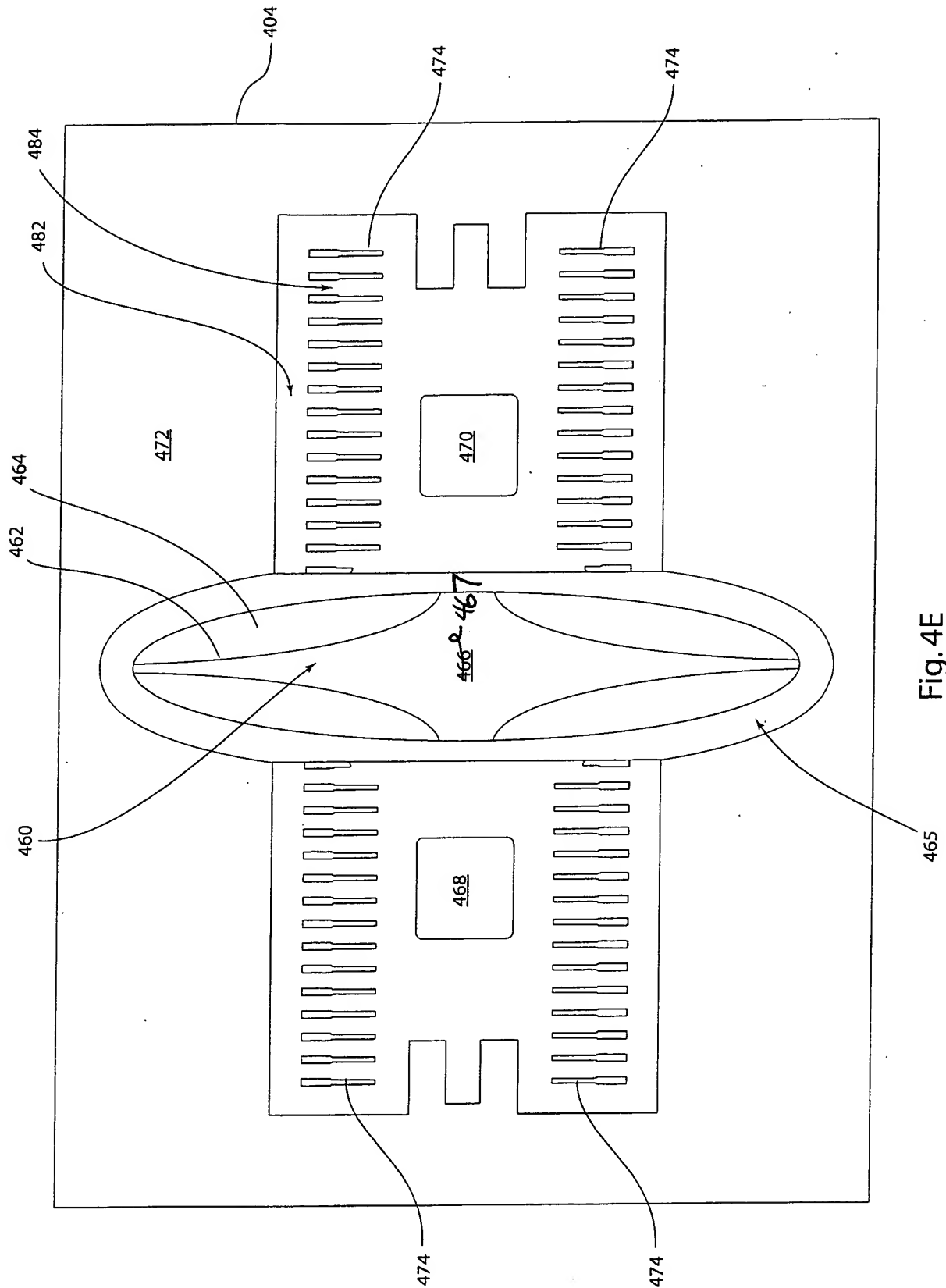


Fig. 4E

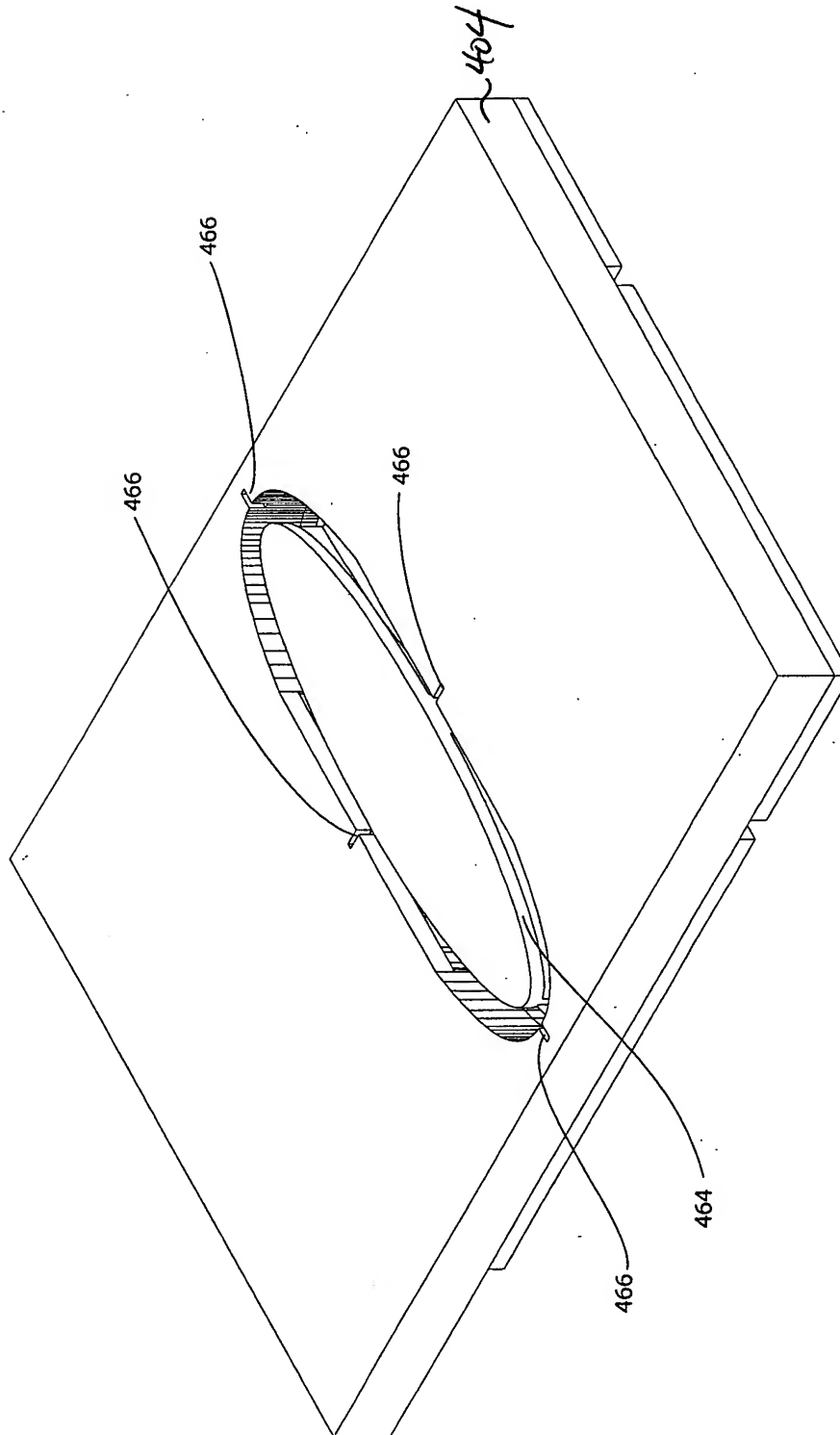


Fig. 4F

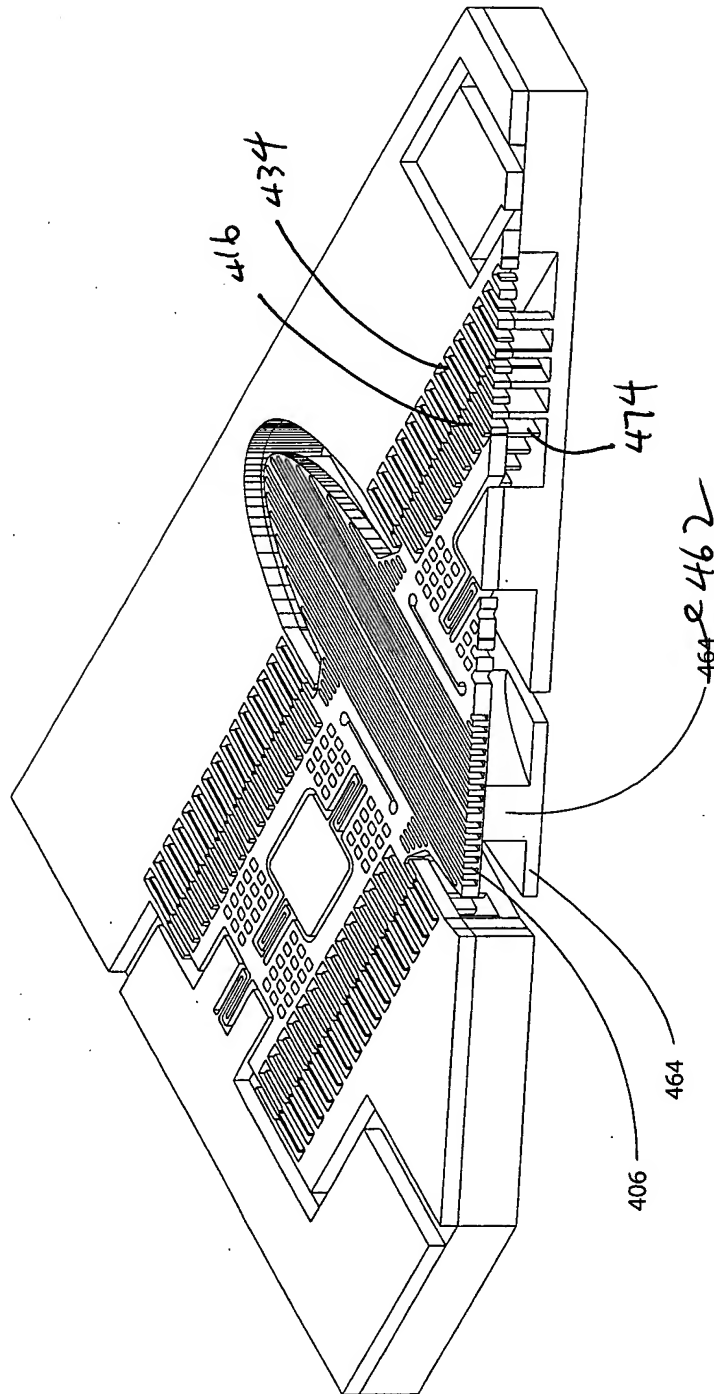


Fig. 4G

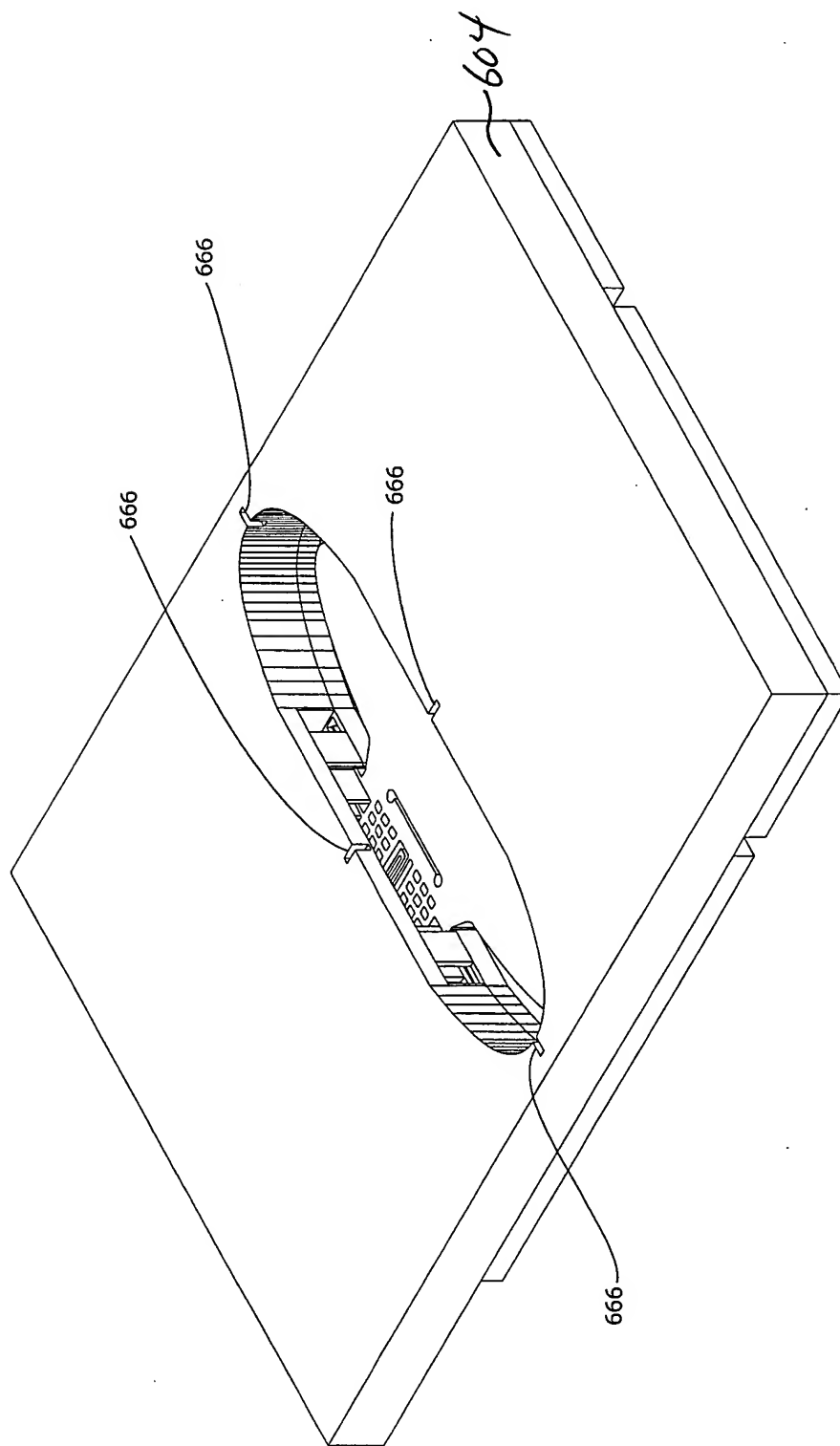


Fig. 6F